

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER EXTENDING
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)	SUSPENSION OF
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR)	IMPOSITION OF TARIFF
NATURAL GAS SERVICE)	NG04-001

On April 2, 2004, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval to increase rates for natural gas service in its service territory by \$1,559,963 or approximately 1.5% of pro forma test year revenue. MidAmerican states the proposed increase for an average residential customer would be approximately \$2.50 per month. The proposed rates may potentially affect approximately 73,100 customers in MidAmerican Energy Company's service territory in southeastern South Dakota. On April 26, 2004, the Commission suspended the proposed schedule of rates for 90 days beyond May 2, 2004. On July 20, 2004, Commission Staff recommended that the suspension of the tariff be further extended for 60 days.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.1, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-14, 49-34A-16, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.1, 49-34A-19.2, 49-34A-20, 49-34A-21, 49-34A-22, and 49-34A-23.

At its July 20, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. MidAmerican concurred with Staff's recommendation. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the extension sought by Commission Staff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the proposed schedule of rates shall be further suspended for 60 days pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of July, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner